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FASHION FANCIES.

Colored handkerchiefs are studies of color in combinations and designs.

The longer the beak of the bird the more it is sought for as a hat ornament.

French shoe polish lightly brushed over a rusty clip hat makes it look new.

Laces of all kinds are in fashion. Even the old black Chantilly is revived.

The new clanking plushes imitate seal, beaver and other furs to perfection.

All the medieval and renaissance points are revived in the modern imitation laces.

The jackets and ulsterettes for early fall wear are longer than those of the last season.

Plush saques and dolmans will, in a great measure, take the place of sealskin next winter.

Small and silver blue will be combined in new fall suits with terra cotta and malagany shades.

Higher and higher climbs the corsage bouquet; it now mounts to the top of the left shoulder.

Dark blue and hazzar blue dresses are fashionably piped with terra cotta and Marlborough reds.

The new English alpacas come in gray shades and black, with softer finish than the old time goods.

Children at the summer resorts look like fairies floating around in their airy white and tinted draperies.

Ottoman reps in silk and wool, figured and striped with velvet and plush, appear among new fall dress goods.

Obovate satin buttons of medium size in all shades to match the new goods appear among new trimmings.

The latest caprice in handkerchiefs is for narrow borders in combinations of aesthetic colors on white centers.

Ottoman roped and satin-backed velvet ribbons form the bulk of the importations in this line of goods up to this date.

The golden Hamburg cock's back is most in demand for hat trimming, as it shows a natural shaded effects in mahor, any tints.

The first chevrons for fall wear are of light texture, in shepherd's checks of heather mixtures to be combined with chevrons that come with them in inch square plaids in the same colors and mixtures.

For slighter mourning, white mull, dotted or spotted with black, with flounced edges with footing an inch wide, is a style often mentioned by us, and one that is very popular.

Twine or ficelle lace, and twine color in material for costumes, is much in demand. As this is a novelty introduced late in the season, none need hesitate to purchase. It will probably be all the rage another spring.

Mantles are made of ficelle lace over crepe or satin, in color, and are right pretty. Much of this twine lace is very coarse—indeed, ladies up to mace in make their own trimming, mantles and ornamentation for the last summer bonnet.

A stylish corsage for a young lady in this white and black is cut surplice front, and has a scarf of the spotted mull edged all around with the footing, laid in narrow folds. This, passing around the neck, crosses at the waist, forming sash bows and ends in the back.

The earliest fall suits will be of chevrot, flannel and Gilbert clothes of light texture, in shades of hazzar and silver blue, drab, terra cotta, Marlborough red, mahogany, brown, and neutral shades, and will be made dressy, with lumps, buckles, and fancy ornaments of cut steel.

Once more ladies are wearing patent-leather and bronzed kid. It is years since patent leather has been thought suitable for walking shoes and boots; this season, it is suddenly discovered, it is just the leather for the seashore. The bronze is used exclusively for housewear.

Ladies in mourning no longer stifle themselves with deep, all-back paraphernalia, as if their woe must be published to all. Now, while costumes are worn, with black ribbons, black silk hose, black kid shoes, a black straw hat, with a band of narrow folds of crepe around the crown, and dead jet flowers on one side; black silk, loosely-wristed gloves, dull-black jewelry and fan, are considered the deepest of mourning for a hot summer day.

A FLIRT'S PUNISHMENT.

A sad sequel to a love affair has just been brought to light in Oakland, Alameda county. A Miss Smith was employed as a clerk in one of the stores of San Francisco. She was accused of being a heartless flirt by those whom she had made drink the bitter drug of disappointment, and no sooner had she succeeded in bringing a lover to her feet than she would be again in quest of new victories. She was always fortunate enough to have a reserve on hand, and never

felt the need of that pet so much sought after by less fortunate women—a man. Finally she met her admirer, or thought she had.

A young lieutenant, from Vallejo was caught in her net and she thought the prize worth keeping. In due time the marriage ceremony was to be performed, and the bride had selected her trousseau and informed her family of the prospective son soon to be admitted within the circle.

One day Miss Smith was absent from home, a lady friend called, and picking up Miss Smith's album asked her mother how she became acquainted with Mr. Brown. Mrs. Smith replied that it was not Mr. Brown's photograph which she was looking at, but Lieut. Black's of Vallejo, and that he was engaged to be married soon to her daughter.

"Engaged to be married to your daughter? why that is impossible," exclaimed the lady visitor; "he is my brother-in-law!"

"Bring your sister, and if she recognizes that picture as her husband I will believe what you say, and not before," replied Mrs. Smith.

The lady brought her sister to the house immediately, and opening the album, asked her whose picture that was, when the reply came, "why, it is Harry, my husband!"

He was not now ever has been an officer of the navy, and had borrowed the uniform of a lieutenant in which to have his photograph taken to carry out the deception being practiced on Miss Smith.

When Mrs. Smith was convinced of the truth of the matter she gave way to grief; but soon indignation gained the mastery, and she insisted upon the ladies accompanying her to Oakland, where her daughter was, that she might be made acquainted with the facts.

Crossing the bay the three ladies found Miss Smith in company of her affianced.

"The mother, white with anger, said: 'Hattie do you know who the scoundrel is you have promised to marry?'"

"Promised! scoundrel!" cried the girl, jumping from her chair, pale and frightened.

"Yes, Hattie, a scoundrel," replied Mrs. Smith; "a married man, a low villain, and this is his wife," pointing to the injured wife.

The girl fell to the floor with a shriek, and it was soon found that reason had fled. The poor unfortunate was taken to one of our asylums, where the physicians pronounced her incurable. The villain fled, and does well to keep out of sight of the brothers of her whom he so cruelly betrayed.

CORNS ON HORSES' FEET.

Corns in the feet are usually, though not invariably, the result of contraction of the hoof, primarily caused by improper shoeing. First, by cutting away the bars of the feet, which are the mainstays for the support of the quarters. Second, by opening the heel as it is called, by cutting away a portion of the frog, in consequence of which its moisture becomes absorbed, thus losing its elasticity and destroying its function, hence exposing the feet to injury by concussion. As the heel contracts the sensitive parts within the horny case, from the pressure between two hard substances, become bruised or contused, constituting the disease known as corns. Treatment: Remove the shoes, poultice the feet until the hoof and frog are soft, then have a bar shoe made perfectly level on the bearing surface, nicely fitted to the foot, so as to get proper frog pressure. Then rasp off the outer crust of the hoof from the corn backward to the heel and cut away the bearing surface of the crust in like manner, so that there is no heel pressure on the shoe, after which apply to the hoof the following: Equal parts of pine tar, lard and turpentine melted together. If the shoeing is properly performed and ordinary attention paid to the dressing, the corns may be grown out in ten or twelve months.

FARM NOTES.

Pennsylvania sheep are being shipped in large lots to the west for breeding purposes.

Iowa has nearly 1,000,000 cows, valued at \$27 per head, or a total of \$27,000,000.

Full maturity of the body is necessary to a perfect development of the milk glands.

A Clarion county (Pa.) farmer sheared fifty-six pounds of wool from four young sheep this season.

A single scuppernon grape vine sometimes yields 100 bushels of grapes in a single season.

A farmer in Maine reports the arrival of an insect that feeds upon the eggs of the potato beetle.

Analysis of green-rye shows it to be nearly equal to clover for fodder, and better than grass in blossom.

By a test of the closest average work, it requires four bushels and forty-seven and one-quarter pounds of wheat to make a barrel of flour.

The small percentage of nitrogen in fertilizers generally comes from dried blood, flesh scraps from tanneries and leather and fish refuse.

Seven mules were killed by lightning on a farm in Missouri. They were some distance apart, and the lightning followed a barbed wire fence.

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